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Teacher Leadership Explored

SACRAMENTO—Katherine Bassett, Director, Educator Relations Group, Educational Testing Service (ETS), will present the organization's work on model standards for teacher leadership at the April 14, 2011 meeting of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The standards were developed by the ETS sponsored Teacher Leader Exploratory Consortium after nearly two years of research and collaboration. The final draft is expected to be released in May.

The model standards were designed to stimulate dialogue among education stakeholders about the critical roles teacher leaders play and the knowledge, skills, competencies, and leadership qualities that teachers need to assume teacher leadership roles in their schools, districts and the profession. The Teacher Leadership Exploratory Consortium hopes to help inform curriculum, professional development, policies, practices and the development of assessments or evaluation systems.

The model standards indicate that the role of the teacher leader includes knowledge and abilities that differ, in some instances, from that of the teacher. These differences include knowledge of how to effectively work with adults, build collaborative communities and facilitate learning among adult learners.

While at ETS, Bassett has led the development of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certificates for Library Media and Literacy, co-developed the Take One! program booklet, and led the revision of the Praxis test for Library Media Specialists. Bassett has also led development of the Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio, the Hawaii Principals' Performance Contract assessment, the Kansas Teacher Leadership Assessment, and Washington ProTeach Portfolio assessment, as well as leading the addition of seventeen content areas to the California Teaching Performance Assessment. She has developed partnerships leading to the establishment of numerous programs that benefit teachers, including the National Teacher Forum which ETS co-sponsors with the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Bassett enjoyed a 26-year career as a library media specialist at the middle school level and served as New Jersey's State Teacher of the Year 2000.

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